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SUBJ: SOWETO STUDENTS URGE WORK BOYCOTT

1. POST HAS RECEIVED INFO THAT SOWETO STUDENTS ARE TRY-  
ING TO ORGANIZE ANOTHER WORK BOYCOTT AUGUST 23-25. AT  
ONE HIGH SCHOOL AUGUST 19 (ORLANDO WEST), FOUR SENIOR  
STUDENTS FROM NALEDI HIGH SCHOOL NEARBY ARRIVED DURING  
SCHOOL HOURS AND PERSUADED PRINCIPAL TO LET THEM AEDRESS  
PUPILS, WHOM THEY ASKED TO TELL THEIR PARENTS TO BOYCOTT  
WORK FIRST THREE DAYS OF NEXT WEEK. TWO OF NALEDI GROUP  
REMAINED WITH PRINCIPAL TO PREVENT HIS TELEPHONING POLICE.

2. NOW THAT POLICE ARE PERMITTING ADULT WORKERS TO CARRY  
KNOBBERRIES TO STAND OFF STUDENT DEMONSTRATORS, IT IS  
DIFFICULT TO PREDICT HOW SUCCESSFUL STUDENT EFFORTS AT  
HARASSMENT, ROAD BLOCKS, AND SO ON CAN BE. MOST  
WORKERS HAVE SHOWN THEY ARE PREPARED TO TAKE SOME RISKS  
TO MAINTAIN ATTENDANCE AT WORK, NOT THAT THEY MAY NOT HAVE  
SOME SYMPATHY FOR STUDENT CAUSE (PRINCIPALLY ON BEHALF OF  
DETAINEES), BUT THAT THEY FEAR DISMISSAL FROM JOBS.

COMMENT: INCREASED NUMBER OF DETENTIONS BY POLICE HAS

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NTT SLOWED, BUT PERHAPS ENCOURAGED STUDENT ACTIVISM.

SOME STUDENT "STREET LEADERS" HAVE LEARNDD THEY CAN OFTEN  
CAUSE TROUBLE WITHOUT DETECTION OR ARREST, FINDING  
SAFETY IN NUMBERS OF DEMONSTRATORS INCITED TO ACT. IT  
IS THESE LEADERS WHO HAVE BECOME IMPATIENT OVER "GRADU-  
ALISM" OF BLACK CONSCIOUSNESS MOVEMENT ADULTS.  
FINALLY, EFFORT DESCRIBED PARA ONE TENDS SUPPORT  
SAG ALLEGATION THAT "AGITATORS" ARE AT WORK, THOUGH SOIL  
IS FERTILE AND IS GERMINATING MANY INDEPENDENT YOUNG  
SHOOTS.  
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